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1. An automated method for visitor clearance to a controlled access facility and the generation of a photo-identification access document comprising:

5 providing an arrangement proximate an entry to a controlled access facility, said arrangement comprising video monitor means, digital photographing means, printing means and visitor responsive data input means;

10 providing computer means comprising controller means, data storage means and comparator means in electronic communication with said arrangement, said data storage means containing data relating to visitor entry;

15 means directing a visitor presented before said video monitor to input data by said visitor responsive data input means, in response to a plurality of queries posed to said visitor by said arrangement;

20 wherein said data input to said visitor responsive data input means comprises name identification data of said visitor and data regarding the purpose of the visit by said visitor;

Wherein facial photographic data of said visitor is taken by said digital photographing means;

wherein said computer means automatically compares said facial photographic data and name identification data to

facial photographic data and name identification data comprised in said data storage means and automatically assigns a value indicative of entry clearance status based upon pre-established parameters;

5 wherein said computer means automatically compares said data regarding the purpose of visit to data comprised in said data storage means and automatically assigns a value indicative of entry clearance status based upon pre-established parameters;

10 wherein said computer means automatically compares said values indicative of entry clearance against pre-established parameters and enables said printing means to automatically generate a printed document containing a photo identification of said visitor and parameters of entry if said comparison is within
15 pre-established parameters.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said visitor responsive data input means comprises a card swipe data entry means.

20 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said card swipe data entry means is enabled to read data contained on a government issued driver's license.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein said card swipe data entry means is enabled to read data contained on a credit card.

5 5. The method of claim 3 wherein data comprised on said government issued driver's license is compared to electronic data maintained in remote government data storage means pertaining to said driver.

10 6. The method of claim 3 wherein said driver's license comprises facial photo identification which is compared by said arrangement to facial photo data of said visitor taken by said arrangement.

15 7. The method of claim 4 wherein said data comprised on said credit card is compared to electronic data maintained in remote data storage.

20 8. The method of claim 1 wherein a visitor presented before said video monitor observes the facial image taken by said camera and is directed by instructions generated by said computer to proper positioning of his image for photographing.

9. The method of claim 2 wherein the photographed image is compared to photographic data maintained in a remote data storage bank.

5 10. The method of claim 9 wherein said remote data storage is selected from motor vehicle licensing data storage and criminal data storage.

10 11. The method of claim 1 comprising monitoring means arranged to enable remote monitoring of computer posed queries and visitor response data input thereto.

12. The method of claim 1 comprising means for providing auditory queries to said visitor by said computer.

15 13. The method of claim 1 comprising means for receiving auditory responses by said visitor to queries posed by said computer and converting said auditory responses to digital data usable by said computer.

20 14. The method of claim 1 wherein said computer posed queries are printed on said monitor screen.

15. The method of claim 1 said arrangement comprising a data input means selected from keyboard, keypad and touch screen data input means.

5 16. A controlled entry device comprising a PC monitor, keyboard, card swipe data entry means, camera, audio speaker and printer means, in electronic communication with a controlling computer comprising a controller means, comparator means, computing means, data storage means and means for remote communication.

10 17. The device of claim 16 wherein said controlling computer is in enabling communication with a remote data storage means.

15 18. The device of claim 17 wherein said controlling computer comprises a remote central computer means.

20 19. The device of claim 16 comprising a microphone for input of voice data.